73,656 MW (peak-load requirement). After taking into account the envisaged capacity addition of 30,537.7 MW during the 8th Five Year Plan, the power shortage at the end of the Plan Period is assessed to be 9.0 per cent and 20.7 per cent (peaking demand).

Electrification of Brijpuri, Shahdara

3796. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Senior Officers/Engineers Concerned of DESU made any commitment in writing to the residents of "D" Block, Brij Puri, Shahdara, Delhi, that electrification of their area will be done by the end of February, 1993 positively; if so, the details and date on which such commitment was made;

(b) whether the said area has not so far been electrified by DESU;

(c) if so, the reasons in detail for the inordinate delay in electrification of this area; and

(d) by when the electrification work in the said area is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The electrification work in the said area has almost been completed except for installation of the distribution transformer. Delay has taken place due to the paucity of transformers faced by DESU. The work will be completed shortly after the availability of transformers.

Regularisation of Artists by Calcutta Doordarshan

3797. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Doordarshan is still continuing to have the services of about 33 casual artists to assist in the programme at a consolidated salary of Rs. 1200 per month without any inherent benefits like, Provident Fund, Medical facilities etc.;

(b) whether representations have been made to increase their remunerations and to get them proper pay-scales etc.;

(c) whether Government have delayed a decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta is presently engaging thirty three casual workers on assignment basis for assistance in the production of specific programmes. Their remuneration, per programme, ranges between Rs. 300-400 with a maximum of three programmes in a month to each casual worker.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received for increasing their remuneration. Since these casual workers are being booked on assignment basis only, it has not been found possible to give them regular pay scales. The rates of remuneration for such assignments are however increased from time to time.

Proposal for Private Power Development

3798. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private Power Development Fund has been proposed by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the financial assistance likely to be provided by the World Bank; and

(c) what is the decision taken so far on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) World Bank have offered a technical assistance loan and grant to be administered through the Power Finance Corporation for assisting the private power initiatives.

(b) The overall purpose of the Technical Assistance loan and grant from the

World Bank is to ensure that the basic objectives of the private power initiative are achieved, i.e., that additional investment capital and management expertise are mobilised and that the potential efficiency gains in power supply are fully realised and passed on to the final consumers. In the short term, the project would help to manage the implementation of the private power policy during the present transition period, and would also set the stage for the introduction of market mechanisms in the sector as a whole. To that effect, assistance would be provided to GOI and the various central and state entities concerned for (i) the review by private power specialists of the offers currently under consideration to ensure that the projects being negotiated are executed under acceptable and sustainable conditions (ii) the introduction of competitive bidding for the selection of project sponsors: and (iii) the formulation of additional provisions in the policy and regulatory framework to achieve the above mentioned objectives, and promote other forms of private sector participation, in addition to Independent Private Power Projects. The amount of the loan is US $ 20 billion.

(c) The loan agreement has already been signed and the SEBs who are negotiating with private promoters have been advised to take assistance from this loan.

3799. [*Transferred to 27th August,* 1993.]

Pending Power Projects of Maharashtra

3800. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the New Projects for the State of Maharashtra which are pending approval of the Central Government;

(b) what is the period of their pendency (project-wise);

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing the power projects (project-wise);

(d) what is the present position with regard to each of the power projects; and

(e) what steps are contemplated by Government to expedite approval of these projects considering the rising power demand in the state and the ever rising cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) Details are given below:

S.No.	Name of Project	Date of Receipt	Status
	HYDRO		
1	Bhivpuri Pumped Storage Scheme (90 MW)	Feb., 1990	The Scheme though found to be in order from Techno-economic angle by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in May, 1991, has not been cleared for want of an agreement between Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka regarding westward diversion of Krishna waters.
2	Chikaldhara Pumped Storage Scheme (4×100 MW)	March, 93	The proposal is under examination in C.E.A.
	THERMAL		
3	Barge Mounted Power Plant (110 MW) Near Dabhol	Sept., 92	The scheme is proposed to be taken up in private sector and is under examination in C.E.A.
4	Dabhol CCGT (2015 MW)	April, 93	The scheme is proposed to be taken up in private sector and is under examination in CEA.
5	Khaperkheda TPS (2×210 MW) Units 5&6.	July, 93	The scheme is under examination in CEA.
6	Paras TPS Extn. (1×250 MW)	July, 1993	The scheme is under examination in CEA.